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The Honorable John F. Kennedy
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Kennedy:

Thank you for your letter of 20 November 1956 regarding the highway problem in the Langley area. It has always been my earnest hope that the establishment of the new Agency headquarters at Langley would cause a minimum of inconvenience to the property owners and a minimum change in the general character of the community. Some improvements to the existing roads are, of course, necessary in order to make the site accessible.

The Virginia Department of Highways has agreed to four-lane State Route 123 from Langley Fork to its intersection with the extended George Washington Memorial Parkway. The Department has made no other commitments to us and we believe that this improvement, together with the extension of the Parkway, will afford adequate access to the site. However, we would like very much to see Route 123 four-laned to the Chain Bridge and look forward to the eventual construction of the Outer Loop and the Cabin John Bridge.

Since the receipt of your letter we have discussed this matter with officials of the Virginia Department of Highways, the Federal Bureau of Public Roads, and Fairfax County. As a result of these discussions it is our understanding that the plan for improvements westward from Langley Fork was not generated by our selection of the Langley site. On the contrary, it is a part of a comprehensive plan for improvements to Route 123 which has been in existence for some time and which will be presented by the State Highway Commission at a public hearing early next year.

We stand ready at any time to discuss with the appropriate Federal, State, and County officials any suggested alterations to their plans

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which are in the best interests of the community and which will continue to meet our needs.

In compliance with your request that I indicate my position on this matter to the Virginia Department of Highways and the Federal Bureau of Public Roads, I shall send each a copy of this letter and shall also send a copy to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,

/s/
Allen W. Dulles
Director

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